

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD IN THE EMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE

JUNE 10, 2014

Present at the meeting was Chairman Jeff Horrocks, Commissioner Ethan Migliori, Commissioner JR Nelson, Attorney David Blackwell, Deputy Clerk/Auditor Carol Cox, elected officials and citizens.

CONSENT AGENDA

(1)
APPROVAL OF CHECK EDIT LIST, REQUISITIONS AND DISPOSITIONS.

The Warrant Check Edit List # 230882 through and including #231002 was presented for payment.

(2)
APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEERS FOR FERRON LIBRARY- TAMMY LACOCK, TJ LACOCK, TYLER LACOCK, TARA LACOCK, TINA LACOCK, MCKAY MECCARIELLO, BYAR MECCARIELLO, AUBURY BINGHAM, TYLER MORGAN, JESSE BRAUN, DALLIN BRAUN, WADE PASKETT, ANGELA PASKETT, AND CHRISTIE JENSEN

(3)
APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEERS FOR THE GREEN RIVER LIBRARY- NORMA JEAN HANSEN, MAXINE HALL, AND LARRY PACKER.

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APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEERS FOR THE ORANGEVILLE LIBRARY- JOHN HUGHES, LEE MOSS, MIKE JORGENSEN, BRANDON HOFFMAN, AND GLEN JENSEN.

(5)
APPROVAL TO HAVE CONNOR CRAMER AS A VOLUNTEER AT THE CASTLE DALE/ORANGEVILLE LIBRARY.

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APPROVAL TO PROMOTE MELECE PULLI TO HEAD LIFEGUARD. GRADE 5.

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APPROVAL TO HIRE MARIE GREENAN AS A PART TIME JANITOR AT HUNTINGTON LIBRARY WORKING 7 ½ HOURS PER WEEK. GRADE 6 @ \$9.15 PER HOUR.

(8)

APPROVAL TO HIRE MARIAH BEHLING AS A SEASONAL OFFICE SPECIALISTS IN THE IT DEPARTMENT. WAGE \$8.00 PER HOUR.

(9)

APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL FOR KYLE EKKER TO ATTEND AN EXERCISE NORTH ANNA NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION IN VIRGINIA.

(10)

APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSE FOR ALAN PENTICO.

(11)

APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES DATED MAY 27, 2014.

Commissioner JR Nelson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ethan Migliori . The motion passed.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

(1)

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Nothing

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EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Commissioner Ethan Migliori presented Employee of the Month to the Office Staff of the Emery County Assessor's Office. The Assessor's office is responsible for valuing property throughout the county. The office has to all of the county appraisals, (new homes, green belt, personal property and land values) finished by May 22th each year in order for taxes to be collected. the women in this office are very qualified. Carol Riddle has been working with the Assessor's office for 28 years and is responsible for home and land appraisals, helps with green belt and is very knowledgeable and has great memory. Nadine Thompson has been working for the Assessor's office for 19 years and is a certified residential appraiser and personal property auditor/appraiser and is responsible for home, land, business and personal property. Shelley Gilpin has been working for the Assessor's office for 16 years and is responsible for making sure personal property and mobile home values are done and that taxes are paid. She helps out at Motor Vehicle as needed. She is very helpful. These ladies have their own important duties that they do very well. Kris Bell is the elected Assessor and is very proud of her staff and pleased with all they do. Nadine was not able to attend today's meeting . These ladies were presented with certificates of appreciation and will receive a lunch.

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JEFF KELSEY- CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF EMERY COUNTY INSURANCE RENEWAL FOR PLAN YEAR JULY 1, 2014- JUNE 30, 2015.

Jeff Kelsey, Intermountain Insurance Services came before the Board of Commissioners to present an insurance renewal plan proposal for year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. He explained that claims were up from prior years. Meritain Health is the carrier from last year and the successful bidder for the renewal plan. Emery County has benefitted from a Wellness Program that helps keep cost down considerably. Commissioner JR Nelson made a motion to approve the insurance renewal plan for 2015 and authorize Commission chairman Jeff Horrocks to sign the necessary documents. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ethan Migliori. The motion passed.

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KAREN DOLAN, FOUR CORNERS COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, INC. PRESENTATION OF AREA PLAN FOR 2015 FOR EMERY, CARBON, AND GRAND COUNTIES. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AREA PLAN AND OTHER DOCUMENTS PRESENTED.

Karen Dolan, Four Corners Community Behavioral Health, Inc. and Jennifer Thomas, Clinic

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Director for Four Corners came before the Board of Commissioners to present their area Plan for 2015 for Emery, Carbon, and Grand Counties. Four Corners is administered by a board of trustees made up of a Commissioner from each county, City Council members from the communities that they serve and citizens. They are responsible for mental health and substance abuse services in the three counties. Ms. Dolan explained that the money that they receive from the three counties is used to leverage additional funds through the State Legislature. They currently have 88 employees, provide drug court, mental health therapy, housing for the mentally ill and many more services. Commissioner Ethan Migliori made a motion to approve Four Corners Community Behavioral Health, Inc. area plan for 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner JR Nelson. The motion passed.

Commissioner Ethan Migliori made a motion to leave the regular meeting and move into a public hearing as posted and at the conclusion of the Public Hearing to return to the regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner JR Nelson. The motion passed.

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9:30 A.M.- PUBLIC HEARING- TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON ORDINANCE TO VACATE PARCEL 1 OF THE IVIE MINOR SUBDIVISION.

Commission Chairman Jeff Horrocks asked Mike McCandless as Planning & Zoning Director to review the ordinance. Mike McCandless explained that the purpose for the public hearing is to receive public comment on an ordinance to vacate parcel 1 of the Ivie Minor Subdivision. He explained that the Ivie Manor Subdivision is made up of 2 lots. A residence is on one lot. The other lot is not being used for the residence. The proposal is to return parcel 1 to agriculture land. He indicated that this action is consistent with minor subdivision management and recommended approval.

There were no other comments from the public.

The Commissioners returned to the regular meeting agenda.

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CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE VACATING PARCEL 1 OF THE IVIE MINOR SUBDIVISION.

Commissioner JR Nelson made a motion to approve of Ordinance 6-10-14 Vacating Parcel 1 of the Ivie Minor Subdivision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ethan Migliori. The motion passed.

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CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF BEER TAX FUNDS-PLAN-STATE FISCAL YEAR 2015.

David Blackwell explained that the Beer Tax Funds are used by the Sheriff's Department for DUI detection. He stated that he as reviewed the document and indicated that is was the same as in years past. Commissioner Ethan Migliori made a motion to approve Beer Tax Funds-Plan-State Fiscal Year 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner JR Nelson. The motion passed.

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CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AND EMERY COUNTY, UTAH; GARFIELD COUNTY, UTAH; AND WAYNE COUNTY, UTAH FOR CAPITOL REEF NATIONAL PARK LIVESTOCK GRAZING AND TRAILING MANAGEMENT PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

Ray Petersen, Public Lands Director addressed the Commissioners requesting that they consider tabling this item for now. He indicated that a couple of the other counties have some edits to the document. He suggested waiting until the edits to the document are completed before considering approval. Commissioner JR Nelson made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ethan Migliori. The motion passed.

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CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ROAD PROJECT AGREEMENT BETWEEN EMERY COUNTY AND THE USDA, FOREST SERVICE, MANTI-LA SAL NATIONAL FOREST.

Commissioner JR Nelson made a motion to approve a road project agreement between Emery County and USDA, Forest Service, Manti-La-Sal National Forest, for the Ferron Mayfield Road Maintenance Project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ethan Migliori. The motion passed.

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CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC LANDS COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATION
CONCERNING THE PURSUIT OF GOBLIN VALLEY STATE PARK EXPANSION AND
POSSIBLE ACTION OF RECOMMENDATION.

Public Lands Council Chairman Ed Geary discussed the proposed expansion of Goblin Valley State Park. The state recommends expanding the park by 136,000 acres making Goblin Valley State Park the largest state park in Utah. Mr. Geary stated that there are clear advantages to the proposal. The Public Lands Council's goal is to protect existing land use. Since recreation use has dramatically increased and is expected to continue to rise there is concern for public safety. Impacts in the area from user-created roads and camping areas cause some environmental degradation as well as create concern for livestock grazing in the area. The state park proposal would convert the area in to a user fee area. This could be advantageous for Emery County as fees collected in the park are subject to transient room tax that comes to the Travel Council. The plan would put more employees on the ground to provide better services for sanitation and maintenance as well as trail maintenance. Eventually they expect that the park will be managed on-site rather than from the Price Field Office in Price. Mistie Christiansen explained that the Emery County livestock grazers have concerns that grazing permits be preserved and that the area is not damaged by development. Mr. Geary expressed the wishes of the Public Lands Council and recommended the Emery County Commissioners support the pursuit of Goblin Valley State Park Expansion. Commissioner JR Nelson made a motion to support further study concerning the pursuit of Goblin Valley State Park Expansion. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ethan Migliori. The motion passed.

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CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF LAND TRADE WITH GIL BOWDEN AND
ASSOCIATED PAPERWORK.

Attorney David Blackwell explained that the piece of land proposed for trade is a 9 foot wide strip of land behind the nursing home. The trade would be an advantage to both property owners as it would square-off each property. Mr. Bowden agreed to pay the survey and record fees. Commissioner Ethan Migliori made a motion to approve a land trade with Gil Bowden as discussed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner JR Nelson. The motion passed.

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CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CERTIFIED TAX RATES FOR EMERY COUNTY
AND CASTLE VALLEY SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT.

Clerk/Auditor Brenda Tuttle presented the certified tax rates for Emery County for 2014. She

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added that the Assessor's Office sets the values. The State sets the Centrally Assessed values.

Certified Tax Rates for 2014 are as follow:

General Operations:	0.003509
Library:	0.000405
Recreation:	0.000063
Assessing & Collecting	0.000301
Total:	0.004278

Commissioner Ethan Migliori made a motion to approve the certified tax rates for Emery County as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner JR Nelson. The motion passed.

Jacob Sharp, Castle Valley Special Service District presented their Certified Tax Rates for 2014 as follow:

General Operations:	0.001000
Bond	0.000968
Total	0.001968

Commissioner Ethan Migliori made a motion to approve the certified tax rates for Castle Valley Special Service District as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner JR Nelson. The motion passed.

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CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF STATE TASK FORCE GRANT (STFG) FOR
JULY 1, 2014-JUNE 30, 2015

Sheriff Greg Funk presented the State Task Force Grant (STFG) for July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Attorney David Blackwell reviewed the grant and recommended approval. Commissioner JR Nelson made a motion to approve the State Task Force Grant (STFG) as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ethan Migliori. The motion passed.

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CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF SUPPORT FOR LOCAL FIRST UTAH'S
INDEPENDENT'S WEEK PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE EMERY COUNTY
BUSINESS CHAMBER.

Commissioner Migliori explained that Local First Utah's Independent's Week is a movement endorsed by the Emery County Business Chamber to encourage people to shop local first. He explained that the cities of Emery County are experiencing decreased revenue budgets due to the loss of local business or people choosing to shop out of the area or on-line through the internet. The loss of a business such as Alco was devastating to the community of Castle Dale City as well as Emery County. The Emery County Business Chamber asked that the County Commissioners support Local First Utah's Independent Week in support of local shopping. Commissioner Ethan Migliori made a motion to support Emery County Business Chamber's recommendation for Local First Utah's Independent Week. The motion was seconded by Commissioner JR Nelson. The motion passed.

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COMMISSION/ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS

Commissioner Nelson

Commissioner Nelson reported on attending UAC meeting where they discussed Centrally Assessed properties and the fact that the subject is such a political issue. He reported that the volunteer firemen in the county are receiving training. He recently attended a field trip on the San Rafael Swell with several legislators and key personnel where discussions emerged regarding Emery County's Land Use Bill and public lands legislation. He discussed a public notice of a meeting for excess phosphorus and nitrogen being released into water storage and water treatment plants.

Commissioner Migliori

Commissioner Migliori talked about the San Rafael Bridge Restoration Project. He reported attending a meeting in Green River regarding EMS issues and how to better provide resources in Green River. The Emery County Care Center is still working through some issues. They are working on ways to increase numbers of patients in the care facility and the financial challenge that comes with the decreased numbers. The mammoth mural at the Museum of the San Rafael is nearly complete. They will have a skull and tusk replica at the exhibit. Everything is coming together nicely. He reported on attending an energy summit where there were discussions regarding solar power and alternative energy sources vs coal.

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Commissioner Horrocks

Commissioner Horrocks reported on attending a meeting in Summit County where they asked Mike McCandless to talk about the 7 County Economic Group that Emery County participates with. He talked about a second refining facility planned for Green River. Uintah Basin is still struggling to get product out to market. Housing and Urban Development is still working on getting a good inspection report.

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ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST: _____ COMMISSIONER: _____